

# Preparedness at a Glance

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## Welcome



**Steve Hosch**  
as the Healthcare Coordinator  
for Regions 3, 5 and 6. He started  
on February 1, 2017 and will be  
located at the Kentucky Hospital  
Association in Louisville.

## On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

Report Quarterly in Catalyst

### Core Deliverables

- Exercises** Contact: [Grant.Gillion@ky.gov](mailto:Grant.Gillion@ky.gov) for more information. Implement, track, and report corrective actions that are identified in the AAR/IPs for previous Fiscal Year exercises and events including the 2015/2016 COOP TTX and SNS Full Scale Exercise (FSE) by **March 31, 2017**.
- SNS** Contact: [Linwood.Strenecky@ky.gov](mailto:Linwood.Strenecky@ky.gov) for more information. Attend Regional Distribution Site (RDS) review meeting. RPC will host meeting by **March 31, 2017**.

**MRC Deliverables** Contact: [Heather.Walls@ky.gov](mailto:Heather.Walls@ky.gov) for more information.

- Participate in two KDPH KHELPS drills.

**EPI Deliverables** Contact: [Katie.Myatt@ky.gov](mailto:Katie.Myatt@ky.gov) for more information.

- Complete a summary report of activities not already reported in Catalyst that support infectious disease preparedness and send it to the local preparedness coordinator at the LHD you are located/housed.

**HPP Deliverables** Contact: [JamesR.House@ky.gov](mailto:JamesR.House@ky.gov) for more information.

- Administration and Reporting**

Maintain/update the contact information for HCC partners in the Health Alert Network (HAN) and submit contact lists no later than September 30, 2016 and **March 31, 2017**.

**CRI Deliverables** Contact: [LloydW.Peniston@ky.gov](mailto:LloydW.Peniston@ky.gov) for more information.

Each LHD jurisdiction will conduct a minimum of **3** operational based RAND drills and submit to the KDPH CRI Coordinator.

## Mosquito Control Group

Submitted by Jeff Brock, KDPH Resource Management Analyst

On January 25, 2017, the Lincoln Trail District Health Department hosted the second face-to-face meeting of Kentucky's Mosquito Control Work Group. Originally formed in 2014 to share ideas about mosquito control in western Kentucky, the group came together again to prepare for the upcoming 2017 mosquito season, in which the Zika virus threat continues and may be worse than before. Forty people attended the meeting, a group comprised mostly of LHD staff directly responsible for pesticide treatment and for conducting mosquito surveillance in their jurisdictions. Presenting at the meeting were Rebecca Gillis, director of the KDPH Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, David Wayne, director of the KDA Division of Environmental Services, Carrell Rush, epidemiologist in the KDPH Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning, and Dr. Grayson Brown, director of the UK Public Health Entomology Laboratory. Highlights of the meeting included Dr. Brown's presentation of his scientific research on the effectiveness of different methods of mosquito abatement. This was followed by a demonstration of how to use a backpack sprayer most effectively to target Aedes

aegypti mosquitoes, and an explanation of how different mosquito traps work by Dr. Brown's graduate student, Ms. Glenn Skiles, recent winner of the American Mosquito Control Association's Young Professional award. Among the focal points in the group discussion was the statewide coordination of mosquito surveillance activities by LHD environmentalists and their partnership with laboratories in the state that will conduct arbovirus testing.



## Local News:

### Regions 10 & 11 Host ICS 400

Submitted by John Hunt, Region 10, Regional Preparedness Coordinator

Regions 10/11 conducted an ICS 400 class on Jan 24 and 25 at the Lawrence County Health Department. The class consisted of Public Health employees, Emergency Management, Fire Department, Hospital, EMS, National Weather Service, and Air Medical staff. During the class new agency partnerships were formed, as well as a great deal of exchanging information and ideals.



### Bracken County Health Department Closed POD First Responders Functional Exercise

Submitted by Sandra Glover, Regions 8 & 9, Regional Preparedness Coordinator

On Thursday, December 8, 2016, Bracken County Health Department participated in its first Closed POD-- First Responder functional Exercise. The exercise began at 9:03 AM and involved 6 different agencies which were KY DOT, City of Augusta, City of Brooksville, City of Germantown, Bracken

## Local News continued:

County Courthouse, Bracken Co Health Dept. Staff and Medical Reserve Corp. 911 Dispatch Center sent a message to the agencies primary contacts and instructed them to pick up their material at the health department. It took 33 minutes for all agencies to be notified and to pick up their packets of materials. Upon arrival to Bracken County Health Department, Primary Group Leaders were provided "Just in Time" training in regards to distributing prophylactic antibiotics to their groups. Each group leader was provided packets that included: Anthrax information sheet (taken from KY Emergency Preparedness Guide), Drug information sheets (yellow- Ciprofloxacin & blue- Doxycycline), labels page, sample bottle of Doxycycline, sample bottle of Ciprofloxacin), peppermints (fake Doxy/Cipro) and copies of the Dispense Assist forms that first responders had previously completed and returned to BCHD. It is estimated that BCHD should have reached 337 first responders and their immediate family members.

## HPP News:

### Kentucky Pediatric Emergency Care Coalition Seminar

Submitted by Dave Carney, Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator, Regions 7 & 15

On January 18<sup>th</sup> The Kentucky EMS for Children Program Manager, Morgan Scaggs, organized a seminar that was held at the Hillary J. Boone Center on University of Kentucky campus. The event focused on the discussion of data regarding where Pediatric Readiness stood and how Kentucky compares to other state hospital pediatric programs. Morgan shared on the development of the Pediatric Emergency Care Coalitions progress in working with healthcare facilities in the state to become better equipped for treating pediatric patients. Dr. Mark McDonald who is with the University of Louisville focused his discussion in the past years work with Pediatric Readiness in Kentucky. McDonald said there has been a lot of positive changes regarding Pediatric readiness in the hospital community. The hope is to raise the bar for many of the Emergency Departments across the state. Dr. McDonald and Dr. John Draus, who is the Surgical Director for the Pediatric Trauma program at the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, led a discussion on the importance of using Quality Improvement in Kentucky hospitals to raise the quality of pediatric care in our Emergency Rooms.



Jim House was one of the featured speakers. He spoke on awareness of the Healthcare Coalitions around the state and the importance of our healthcare partners to engage with their regional coalitions.

One of the focuses this year for the Healthcare coalitions has been Pediatric Readiness. There has been an emphasis placed on coalition partners to work together in reviewing Pediatric readiness and work through their coalitions for needed resources. Jim emphasized the importance for collaboration with our healthcare partners and the benefits of being part of the Healthcare Coalitions across the Commonwealth. Many of

the KDPH Healthcare Preparedness Coordinators were in attendance at the seminar including, Gail Timperio, Greg Thomas, Terry Stewart and Dave Carney.

There is still much that needs to be done with Pediatric Readiness in the Commonwealth. We hope the partnerships in our Healthcare coalitions will remain strong and that hospitals will see the value in enhancing preparedness for pediatric patients.

## Trainings:

### ICS 300 at Lexington-Fayette County Health Department

**Date:** February 8-10, 2017

**Place:** Lexington- Fayette County Health Department main building (650 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40508).

**If you have questions please contact:** Dan Satterfield at [Daniel.L.Satterfield@ky.gov](mailto:Daniel.L.Satterfield@ky.gov)

### 2017 Epi Rapid Response Team training, refresher, and conference

**Save the Dates!**

Registration information will be sent at a later date.

**April 4 and 5, 2017**-Training

**April 6, 2017**- Refresher/Exercise

**June 1, 2017**- ERRT Conference

Please contact your regional epidemiologist if you have questions about what requirements you need to fulfill this year.

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## Meetings

### Other:

Ebola Workshop, TBD  
Preparedness Summit, Atlanta, GA

March 2017  
April 25-28, 2017

## Mosquito Traps from the Mosquito Control Group Meeting



## Newsletter Submissions

Please send suggestions or articles that you would like to see included in the newsletter. We welcome the chance to highlight your activities, overview of your programs, projects and trainings. Please submit articles for the newsletter to [Teddy.Slone@ky.gov](mailto:Teddy.Slone@ky.gov) by **February 28, 2017**.

## Calendar Reminders

**February 2**  
Groundhog Day

**February 14**  
Valentine's Day



**February 20**  
Presidents Day

**March 12**  
Daylight Savings Time

**April 14**  
Good Friday

